

## **Nordic Committee Minutes**

**29<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

### **Attendance**

Steph Cook (SC) – Snowsport England representative

Fern Cates (FC)

Mary Wray (MWr)

Amy Gumbrell (AG)

Martin Watkins (MWa)

Glennis Dore (GD)

Chris Hoesli (CH)

### **Apologies**

John Holgate (JH)

Mike Smith (MS)

Alan Mitcham (AM)

Noted Lawrence has stepped down as secretary – the call will be recorded for minute taking purposes which will be completed after the call. Committee thanked Lawrence for his time on committee.

### **Actions and minutes were reviewed from previous meeting:**

- Discussion around associate membership took place.
- Rolling action for FC to collate details from Ryan Grewcock (Coaching and Education Lead) on coaching call.
- Rolling action for MWa to follow up with Snowsport England on unqualified coaches coaching.
- Discussion took place around the use of Sport 80 to book events and courses. Concerns flagged around limitation on access.
- GD shared a summary of actions and overview of meeting with Alistair and Kevin Pratt (Digital and Communications Lead) with regards to Nordic Facebook page.
- Rolling action for update on comms strategy at next meeting.
- Discussion had around expenses. Rolling action - FC to share day rate document with CH.
- Discussion around minutes publication took place.

- An update was provided on aspiring tutors. All agreed that whilst under supervision while learning they will receive half expenses but not pay nor receive fees. Gesture to support aspiring tutors and widen workforce.
- FC circulated insurance update. Discussion around document.
- SC updated on current status of trans policy – action for Snowsport England to update at the next meeting. Any clubs or competition organisers who need support to contact Jade Gerrard (Participation Manager) in the office or FC for more informal discussion.

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

### **Chairs report FC**

- Update on staff.
- Recruitment for chair and secretary required for the group. Action: club reps to share details with respective clubs.
- FC provided an update on Para and GB Nordic. Action – any clubs wanting sit ski access to contact FC; club reps to circulate this offer.
- Shared Sport 80 and expenses queries and discussion took place.
- Highlighted a decline in adult category entries in events – Action to gather insight on this and to follow up later in meeting.

Thank you to FC acknowledged for her time as committee chair. FC will remain on committee but not in the role as chair.

### **Snowsport England Updates SC**

- Update on staff – Action for staff structure to be circulated.
- Shared details of the community innovation fund. Action for club reps to encourage Nordic applications.
- Shared details of the disability focus group.
- Update on Snowsport England involvement at Snow Show.
- Update on upcoming events and competitions.
- Remind for the next SE Club Connect virtual call. Action for club reps to share this with respective clubs and encourage attendance.

### **Finance update CH**

FC welcomed CH to the committee. Full finance update to take place at next committee meeting.

CH confirmed budgets planning in place and requested information from the committee to support this. Agreed to discuss planning later in agenda.

### **Telemark update**

Report from JH was circulated ahead of the meeting. Short discussion on content. All questions to be directed to JH to be discussed at next meeting.

### **Cross country update GD**

Report from GD was circulated ahead of the meeting. GD gave a verbal update with regards to the events and courses.

Additional revalidation dates agreed by committee.

### **Events update AG**

AG provided an overview on Leeds event which was discussed. Low numbers remain a concern. Discussion had around how we can remove booking barriers to engage new people into the sport.

### **2024 event planning ALL**

Discussion took place regarding planning of all events and a review of events in 2023.

All agreed two events same venues with plans to review for 2025.

Action to share details of events as soon as confirmed with Kevin Pratt to enable people longer to plan and book.

### **Ideas to increase participation ALL**

Due to time restraints it was agreed to move this section to next meeting. Acknowledged that numbers have declined and it is vital to engage more people. To enable significant time on this matter it will sit at the start of the next meeting agenda. Action for all to bring ideas and feedback to next meeting.

### **AOB ALL**

CH requested 2023 budget – Action - FC to share a copy.

FC to share updated list of members to CH and to request update on Snowsport England website.

Confirmed next meeting date – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Agreed planning meeting for budgets – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

